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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application without prejudice as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the pending
paragraph beginning on page 6, line 28. A marked up copy of the amended paragraph
is included at the end of Applicants' response.

-- There are two main disadvantages which exist in the prior art printer
system, such as those represented by Figure 1. First, excessive waste of the receiver
media, or paper 18 results in an inefficient printer. Second, ink artifacts tend to
appear on the drive rollers due to wet ink. In operation, the prior art printer systems,
such as printer system 5, provides for ink to be laid out onto the paper 18, forming an
image. The paper 18, which is still wet from the ink application, is then driven
through a drive roller set (not shown) in order to meter out the paper 18 or determine
where the paper 18 is to be cut. As such, ink is transferred onto the drive rollers,
causing ink artifacts. --